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Fiscal Note

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Prime Sponsors: Rep. Sharbini; Garcia **Bill Status:** House Judiciary
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Bill Topic: DRUG CRIME COST TASK FORCE

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue | <input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Local Government |
| <input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity |

The bill creates a task force to evaluate costs associated with drug crime enforcement. It will increase state expenditures in FY 2023-24 only.

Appropriation Summary: For FY 2023-24, the bill requires an appropriation of \$30,210 to multiple state agencies.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Table 1
State Fiscal Impacts Under HB 23-1258

| | | Budget Year FY 2023-24 | Out Year FY 2024-25 |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue | | - | - |
| Expenditures | General Fund | \$30,210 | - |
| Transfers | | - | - |
| Other Budget Impacts | | - | - |

Summary of Legislation

The bill creates the Evaluating the Costs Associated with Enforcement of Drug Laws and Incarceration for Drug Crimes Task Force in the Department of Public Health and Environment. The task force will meet four times between September 15 and December 31, 2023, and submit a report to the legislature by January 30, 2024. Task force members must be reimbursed for expenses, and the CDPHE must provide the task force with staff assistance, meeting space, or audio-visual communication technology resources, as necessary, upon request.

State Expenditures

The bill increases state General Fund expenditures in the Department of Public Health and Environment and the Legislative Department by \$30,210. Expenditures are shown in Table 2 and detailed below.

Table 2
Expenditures Under HB 23-1258

| | FY 2023-24 | FY 2024-25 |
|--|-----------------|------------|
| Department of Public Health and Environment | | |
| Contract Facilitator and Report Writing | \$25,000 | - |
| Meeting Venue | \$400 | - |
| Travel Reimbursements | \$2,160 | - |
| CDPHE Subtotal | \$27,560 | - |
| Legislative Department | | |
| Legislative Per Diem Reimbursements | \$2,650 | - |
| Legislative Subtotal | \$2,650 | - |
| Total Cost | \$30,210 | - |

Department of Public Health and Environment. The CDPHE will have costs to contract with a meeting facilitator, who will also create the final report. Meeting facilitation is anticipated to cost \$4,000 per each of the four meetings, and report writing will cost \$9,000 assuming 60 hours at \$150 per hour. The meeting venue is expected to cost \$100 per meeting. Finally, travel reimbursements assume two members will require overnight travel to each of the four meetings, which includes mileage, hotels, and meal reimbursement.

Legislative Department. The task force includes two legislative members, who are entitled to per diems and expense reimbursement. The per diem rate is \$112 and travel costs are calculated at \$219.

Other Budget Impacts

General Fund reserve. Under current law, an amount equal to 15 percent of General Fund appropriations must be set aside in the General Fund statutory reserve. Based on this fiscal note, the bill is expected to increase the amount of General Fund held in reserve by the amounts shown in Table 1, decreasing the amount of General Fund available for other purposes.

Local Government

To the extent local government representatives serve on the task force, workload and reimbursement costs will increase.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

State Appropriations

For FY 2023-24, the bill requires the following General Fund appropriations:

- \$27,560 to the Department of Public Health and Environment; and
- \$2,650 to the Legislative Department.

State and Local Government Contacts

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